Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment After Final Action be admitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Applicant submits that this Amendment presents claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Furthermore, applicant believes that consideration of this Amendment could lead to favorable action that would remove one or more issues for appeal.

Claim 1 has been amended. No claims have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-6, 8 and 10-34 are now presented for examination.

Claims 30-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The above-rejection has been obviated by the amendment made to the specification.

Claims 1-6, 10-11, 15-21, 24-27 and 30-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lok et al., U.S. Publication No. 2003/0182469 in view of Merrill et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,369,821 ("Merrill"). Applicant submits that the present claims are patentable over Lok in view of Merrill.

Lok discloses that a component in a user interface toolkit may be configured to render a graphical item and the remote-capable component may be configured to generate a command to render a graphical item. Similarly, the server may be configured to communicate the message to the user interface toolkit on the remote client to render a graphical item in response to the invocation by the application. The component of the user interface toolkit on the remote client may be configured to render the graphical item in response to the message. See Lok at paragraph [0027].

Merrill discloses an animation system that provides synchronization services to synchronize actions of two more interactive user interface characters that are displayed simultaneously. The animation services allow applications to make animation requests to control the actions of characters on the display. These actions include playing one of the character's animation sequences and generating speech output with lip-synched animation of the character's mouth. Accessible via script commands or an Application Programming Interface, the synchronization services allow an application to control interaction between two or more characters on the display. Applications can synchronize actions by invoking straightforward commands such as Wait, Interrupt, or Stop. In response to these commands, the animation server synchronizes scheduled actions by halting playback of a character until a specified action of another character completes or halting a specified action of one character after scheduled actions for another character are completed. See Merrill at Abstract.

Claim 1 of the present application recites:

> A method comprising:
> receiving, via a network, a motion command, an index, a plurality of display coordinates and a time value at a first device from a second device, wherein the motion command, without including pixel values generated by the second device, directs animation of an image object stored in an image cache referenced by the index at the plurality of display coordinates over the received time period;
> updating a frame buffer of the first device with the image object of the image cache over the time period to animate the image object per the motion command; and
> presenting the animation of the image object on a display of the first device.

Applicant submits both Lok and Merrill fail to disclose or suggest receiving an index, display coordinates or a time value at a first device from a second device via network. Lok discloses client receiving a message to perform a function from at a client from a server. However, there is no disclosure or suggestion of the message including an index, display coordinates or a time value.

Instead, the Examiner maintains that Merrill discloses a process of receiving an index, display coordinates or a time value. See Final Office Action at Page 5, lines 1-7. Merrill discloses an animation file structure that includes a block of data for each frame, which includes frame type, frame position, duration, a unique ID and an offset. See Merrill at col. 8, ll. 51-55. However, there is no disclosure or suggestion in Merrill of such an animation file structure being transmitted from a first device to a second device. Therefore, Merrill does not disclose the claimed feature of *receiving an index, a plurality of display coordinates and a time value* **at a first device _from a second device_ via a network**.

Since Lok and Merrill each fail to disclose or suggest receiving an index, display coordinates or a time value at a first device from a second device via network, any combination of Lok and Merrill would fail to disclose or suggest such features. As a result, claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentable over Lok in view of Merrill.

Independent claims 17, 24 and 30 each include limitations similar to those recited in claim 1, and therefore are patentable over Lok in view of Merrill for reasons similar to those discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 8, 12, 13, 22, 23, 28, 29, 33 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lok in view of Merrill and further in view of Stern, U.S.

Patent No. 4,600,919 ("Stern"). Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lok in view of Merrill and further in view of Richardson, "The RFB Protocol".

Applicant submits that the present claims are patentable over any combination of Lok, Merrill, Stern and Richardson since none of the references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest receiving an index, display coordinates or a time value at a first device from a second device via network.

Applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,
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